



# Opening Doors, Changing Lives

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## Gone Fishing



Billy Turner, with fishing pole in hand, is pictured at Center Hill Marina last fall.

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One of my individuals, Billy Turner, has wanted to go fishing for over two years but no natural supports could be located to make this happen for him.

Last month Clata Redmon, with Prospect in Smithville, and myself, worked together to find a natural support in the community to make Billy's dream a reality.

We located a local couple, Billy and Linda Burgess, who agreed to take Billy fishing. I accompanied Billy on his fishing trip on October 23, 2001, with the Burgesses, and took pictures.

Besides catching over 30 fish, Billy met some fishing buddies at the Center Hill Marina and he enjoyed riding in the pontoon boat.

The Burgesses also told Billy that they planned to invite him and his mother to their home to have a fish dinner with all the fixings. Billy had a fabulous time and he got a copy of the pictures of the trip to keep as a souvenir.

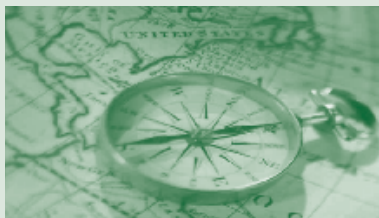
### Accessing Community Employment Services ACES Conference Presents

## Future Directions Forum

#### Future Directions Forum April 10

Gain insight to the future of your community employment services through

- Keynote Speaker and Forum Facilitator Dr. David Mank, a national leader in Supported Employment
- The National Office of Disability Employment Policy, Department of Labor, represented by Maggie Roffee
- Leading Employers hiring people with disabilities
- And more, including panel discussions and breakout groups



#### What:

#### Pre-Conference Workshops April 9

- Supported Employment Basics
- Advanced Supported Employment
- Supported Employment Management Training
- Supported Employment Changeover Strategies

**When:** April 9 & 10, 2002

**Where:** DoubleTree Hotel  
315 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37219  
Phone: 615-244-8200  
Single \$70.00 Double \$90.00

**Reserve your room by March 12**  
Ask for the "UT-TIE ACES Conference" Room Block

#### Register by March 12, 2002

- Registration form available online at [www.uttie.org](http://www.uttie.org) or call UT-TIE at 865-974-9400.
- By Mail: 1914 Andy Holt Avenue, B025 HPER Building, Knoxville, TN 37996-2750
- By Fax: 865-974-9180

## Quote of the Day

"People who are most successful in life do not get to the top because of what happens to them; they get to the top because of how they react to what happens to them."

- Dorothy Leeds,

from her book,

*The 7 Powers of Questions*



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## Legislator Awareness Day Sent for March 12

The Arc of Tennessee, People First and the Tennessee Disability Coalition are hosting Legislator Awareness Day Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at Legislative Plaza, Nashville.

All Senators and Representatives have been notified that we will be at the plaza all day. You can meet with your legislators individually, or in groups, to discuss issues that affect you and your family.

The Arc of Tennessee would also like to assist families and people waiting for services to connect with local support groups. Arc leadership and staff will be available to talk with you.

For more information on transportation, parking and events, contact your local Arc or call The Arc of Tennessee at 1-800-835-7077.

### WEB POSTINGS

<http://www.state.tn.us/mental2/>

Announcements, draft policies, final policies and information bulletins all appear on our Web site. Recent activities include:

### INFORMATION BULLETINS



BULLETIN NUMBER	BULLETIN TITLE	CONTACT PERSON	EFFECTIVE DATE
01-17	New Freedom of Choice Form	Donna Allen	12/19/01
01-18	Delay of Service Notification	Donna Allen	12/31/01

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Memphis Regional Office	1-800-308-2586
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### Web Site

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